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Bret:

Per our discussion minutes ago, the Director of the State of Utah Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Mr. Walt Baker, would like to speak to someone at EPA today regarding the need to collaborate on San Juan River sampling data and related Agency water quality monitoring information.

To best facilitate this conversation, please contact Dr. Erica Gaddis (below), the DWQ Assistant Director. The State of Utah has been very progressive in their monitoring and sampling activities in response to the Gold King release, and they would

1. appreciate the opportunity to have access to EPA sampling data to build a better picture of the status of the San Juan, and
2. they would like to consider a partnership with EPA on a long-term assessment of the San Juan and perhaps Lake Powell.

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Thanks Bret, and if you can, please let me know who will contact Erica and perhaps when. Erica and the State of Utah have been a strong partner in this response sampling and public outreach via their websites, and their outreach has been one of the only saviors to our lack of EPA data and online statements here at Powell.... see today's Utah DEQ online statement and URL. Thanks!

SALT LAKE CITY -- The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is lifting any advisories against using San Juan River water for crop irrigation and livestock watering.

Based on the latest Utah Department of Environmental Quality evaluation of the San Juan River water sample data, Utah State University's veterinary toxicologist reports the river's highest levels of contamination posed no adverse affects on plants, soils and animals, only short-term and minimal exposure risks.

River water sampling shows that the majority of the mine contamination passed through San Juan County on Tuesday, August 11. The UDAF advises farmers and ranchers to remain cautious and report any changes in the health of their crops and livestock.

<http://www.deq.utah.gov/Topics/Water/goldkingmine/index.htm>

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